



First United Methodist Church of Ellwood City November 2019 Newsletter

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PASTOR'S CORNER

THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving Day elicits a bounty of wonderful memories for many people in the U.S. The crisp air. The smell of a turkey roasting and a pumpkin pie baking. The sound of a cheering crowd at a football game. All these can create warm feelings during this special time of year.

While the Thanksgiving holiday is celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S., thanking God for our blessings is a spiritual discipline that should not be limited to a single day. Along with expanding our waistlines, our preparation for and celebration of the holiday can be the impetus toward growing an attitude of gratitude that will carry over into the rest of the year. In his commentary on 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, John Wesley writes, "Thanksgiving is inseparable from true prayer; it is almost essentially connected with it." Giving thanks is as essential to our spiritual growth as prayer, which 1 Thessalonians calls us to do continually.

<http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/easy-ways-to-share-gratitude-this-thanksgiving>

**No matter who you are or
where you come from
You are Welcome Here!**



INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Intercessory Prayer



Prayer Chapel is available to everyone before/after worship

Prayer concerns: Please be sure to submit your prayer concerns to the office so that we can pray collectively for them.

Please pray for all those afflicted among us with health concerns, our shut-ins, our nation, our ministry leaders, the Pastor, and the continued growth of our church family both spiritually and physical.

“And this is the boldness we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask we know that we have obtained the requests made of him.
1 John 5:14-15 NRSV”



Christmas Cards

Current Shut-ins and Military

Ms. Carol Bash
174 Bash Lane
Portersville, PA 16051

Ms. Jody Miller
2504 Anna St.
Beaver Falls, PA 15010

C3C Kyle Smith
P.O. Box 2493
USAF Academy, CO 80841

Ms. Dorothy Buquo
235 Country Club Dr.
Ellwood City, PA 16117

Ms. Darlene Patterson
910 Dolter Ave.
Ellwood City, PA 16117

Ms. Anna Mae Hall
Northview Estates
945 Border Ave.
Ellwood City, PA 16117

Ms. Virginia Purnell
425 Loop St.
Ellwood City, PA 16117

Mr. & Mrs. Bill and Marynelle Kness
Rochester Manor and Villa
174 Virginia Ave.
Rochester, PA 15074

Ms. Patricia Seaburn
Trinity Oaks Personal Care Center
117 Shadyrest Rd.
Ellwood City, PA 16117

Mr. & Mrs. Phillip and LaRhoda Smilek
417 Wood St.
Ellwood City, PA 16117



UPCOMING SPECIAL SUNDAYS

Organ & Tissue Donor Sunday – November 10, 2019

UM Student Sunday – November 24, 2019

Don't Forget to Use Amazon Smile for your Christmas Shopping!

Did you know that if you shop on Amazon.com, a portion of your purchases can be donated back to the church? Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible smile.amazon.com purchases to First United Methodist Church of Ellwood City. Just visit our unique charity link at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/25-1223330>, sign into your amazon.com account and make your purchases as usual. Thank you for participating!!

#1 holiday hack:

When you shop at
smile.amazon.com,
Amazon donates.



YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS



Youth Leader Retreat with Perkins School of Theology

November 15-17, 2019

olmstedmanor.org for more info

Olmsted and WPAUMC are partnering with Perkins School of Youth Ministry to offer an intensive training weekend for youth leaders. During the three-day retreat, youth leaders will participate in 15 credit hours of hands-on learning led by youth ministry experts. After completing the course, participants will receive a certificate in Foundations of Youth Ministry from Perkins School of Theology.

SPARK 2020

Jan. 24-26

Sheraton Staton Square, Pittsburgh

Our conference youth rally!

Info here: <http://www.wpaumc.org/spark>



For youth in 6th-12th grade!

July 20-24, 2020

Jumonville Camp and Retreat Center

The Next Youth and Young Adult Sunday will be December 29, 2019
If you are interested in participating, please see Pastor Angelique.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The next UMW Meeting will be Saturday, November 16, 2019 at 9:30 am
Evelyn Porter will present a special program.

We are still collecting NEW bed pillows for the Crisis Center!

Samaritan Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

"I want every child to know there is a God who loves them."

Franklin Graham, President, Samaritan Purse

The United Methodist Women are sponsoring the Samaritan Purse's Christmas Child Shoeboxes again this year.

Pick up your box and packing information in the church library.

For additional information go to

<https://www.samaritanpurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

Please have your packed boxes at the church by November 17, 2019.

We continue to collect medical items for our Special Needs Outreach.
See the bulletin board for more details.



MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM

Mission & Evangelism Committee News

Holy Redeemer Social Services Food Panty is in need of the following items. During the month of **November** we will collect:

- Instant mashed potatoes, gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Canned meat
- Toothpaste, dental floss

Please place items in the bin located near the entry way in the church library.



A Member of the UMCOR
Relief Supply Network

226 Church Lane
New Castle, PA 16105
missionbarn@gmail.com
p: 724-856-8241

www.compassion.com



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Thank You to the Congregation for all of the generous donations of hot dogs and buns for the Halloween Parade.



SUPER SATURDAY will be Saturday, November 9th from 10:00-noon. Invite any kiddos you know. We always have a dynamic, fun time together. Kathy Gordon is doing an inspiring job leading the Adult Bible Study. Even if you have not been able to attend yet, her door is always open. We will see you there!

November 24th will be a "Cookie Fellowship". Immediately following Worship, come on over to the Library area and have some cookies and a drink to celebrate the season of thankfulness and hang out with your Church Family. Please consider donating cookies to this event. Thanks!



Upcoming December Events:

Sunday, December 1st - Our Annual Ellwood City Area Civic Chorale Concert. It will be held at 6:00 this year. Cake & Drinks will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Cake donations encouraged.

Sunday, December 8th - Christmas Caroling. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00, venture over to Schill Manor, and walk around the immediate area, singing songs of Christmas cheer. When we return to the church we will feast on snacks and hot chocolate. Please bring a snack to share, and bring your whole family, too!

Saturday, December 14th - SUPER SATURDAY for kids, Inspiring Study for Adults. 10:00-noon.

Sunday, December 15th - 6:00, Children's Christmas Program. Come and relax as the children present a program celebrating the birth of Christ. We will enjoy sandwiches, cookies and treats, and feel the warmth of our fellowship together. Sandwich and cookie donations will be welcomed.



YOU ARE INVITED!!

Cory & Sara Rectenwald joyfully invite you to the Baptism and First Birthday Celebration of their daughter, Bryn Willow Rectenwald, on Sunday, November 17th. She will be Baptized during the 11:00 Worship Service. Beginning at around 1:00 there will be a party for Bryn in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to the Rectenwald family by November 8th. Thanks!

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS, NEWS & INFORMATION

All Saints Day

On Sunday, November 3, 2019 at 11:00 am we will be honoring our loved ones who have gone to be with the Lord this past year with a special worship service and Holy Communion.



Monthly Bible Study for Adults

November 9, 2019

Come join Kathy Gordon for a monthly bible study. We meet once a month on the second Saturday from 10:00 pm to 12:00 pm. Bring your bible! You can find a copy of the study guide on the church website.



Veterans Day is Monday, November 11

We will honor our veterans Sunday, November 10.

On this day...and every day... we are grateful for our military service personnel, past and present, and the families who support them.

Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 24, 2019

Christmas is such a wonderful time of year. It is a special time to express our faith, enjoy wonderful family moments, and celebrate the birth of our Lord. Join us after church as we prepare the House of the Lord to celebrate His birth. There are jobs for every skill level so everyone can help. We hope to see you there!



Hanging
of the
Greens



Civic Chorale Concert

First United Methodist Church

Sunday, December 1, 2019

6:00 pm

Refreshments to follow

We are looking for a newsletter editor. If you have some interest, please contact the church office.

TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK.... Daylight Saving Time Ends November 3



42nd Annual Turkey Dinner

Saturday, November 2, 2019

First United Methodist Church
416 Crescent Ave., Ellwood City, PA 16117

Tickets \$12.00 Adults
\$5.00 Children Ages 6-10
Five and Under Free

PRAYER and MEDITATION

We will be having Prayer & Meditation on
Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at 7:00 pm
in the Sanctuary.

We will be using Rev. Dr. K. D. Weaver's book
Meditate Like Jesus: Uncover the Meditative Practice
of Jesus during our time.



PRAYER MINISTRY

Please bring your Bibles & A Journal.

All Are Welcome!!!

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS, NEWS & INFORMATION

2019 CHRISTMAS FLOWERS ORDER

Orders **MUST** Be in by **December 1, 2019**

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Poinsettias

Please indicate preference:

6 ½ inch Single Stem \$8.00 # ordered _____
7 ½ inch Double Stem \$14.00 # ordered _____ Total # ordered _____

Poinsettia Colors: Please indicate preference:

Red # _____ Pink # _____ White # _____ Marble # _____

7 inch White Mums \$8.00 Total # ordered _____

TOTAL # Ordered (all flowers) _____ Total cost \$ _____

Method of payment: Cash \$ _____ Check # _____ \$ _____

PLEASE DONATE MY FLOWERS I AM TAKING MY FLOWERS
(Please check one of the above.)

Please return order form **with payment** to church office by **Sunday, December 1, 2019**

Please indicate if you wish to have your flowers placed in honor or in memory of a loved one.

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS, NEWS & INFORMATION

Holiday Calendar Events

Sunday, December 1, 2019 at 6:00 pm
Civic Chorale Concert

Sunday, December 8, 2019 at 6:00 pm
Christmas Caroling at Schill Manor

Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 10:00 am
Super Saturday and Adult Bible Study

Sunday, December 15, 2019 at 6:00 pm
Children's Christmas Program

Tuesday, December 24, 2019 at 6:00 pm
Family Worship with Candle Lighting Service at Homewood UMC
127 1st Avenue Beaver Falls, PA 15010

Tuesday, December 24, 2019 at 11:00 pm
Contemporary Candle Lighting with Communion Worship Service at First UMC

Wednesday, December 25, 2019 at 11:00 am
Free Christmas Dinner at First UMC
Hosted by Local Churches and Businesses of Ellwood City

Sunday, January 5, 2019 at 11:00 am
New Year Celebration Worship
and Communion Service

First United Methodist Church of Ellwood City
416 Crescent Avenue
Ellwood City, PA 16117
724-758-6278



WPAC BUTLER DISTRICT & ANNUAL CONFERENCE NEWS

"The Gathering"

A Monthly Time of Worship and Connection for the
Laity and Clergy of the Butler District

The monthly **Gathering** is an excellent opportunity for the people of the Butler District to join together for the purpose of connecting with one another and offering the very best of their praise and thanksgiving to a God who deserves nothing less than that! Our prayer is that, through The Gathering, the Holy Spirit will lead us into a deeper experience of both Christ-centered community and Christ-honoring worship.

Our next **Gathering** will be on November 24 – Unionville UMC

SCHOLARSHIPS There are a variety of scholarships at www.umc.org/resources/scholarships and at www.wpaumc.org/scholarshipforms.

Keep Up With Upcoming Events - WPAUMC Conference

The website for upcoming events is: <http://www.wpaumc.org/events>.

Western PA Conference
The United Methodist Church Butler District
1204 Freedom Road
P.O. Box 5002 Cranberry Township, PA 16066-0002
Phone: 724-252-3198

HOMWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWS



AA Meetings are held every Thursday at 1:00 pm at
HUMC

OPEN DOOR FELLOWSHIP

Join Homewood United Methodist Church each week on Thursdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm for “Open Door”. This is a time of sharing the Love of God with our neighbors and offering Radical Hospitality.

Mission Statement of Homewood United Methodist Church

“To spread the love of our Lord, Jesus Christ, by means of fellowship and discipleship, from our loving hearts through our giving hands”

127 1st Avenue, Beaver Falls, PA 15010
(724) 846-1212



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

November BIRTHDAYS

- 1 William Walker
- 2 Michael Patterson
- 2 John Yeager
- 4 Charlotte Keely
- 5 Reilly Brown
- 5 Carol Kingston
- 6 Dan Richter
- 8 Jade Canterbury
- 8 Diane Lechner
- 8 Joan Ritzert
- 9 Chris Seaburn
- 10 Jeanne Clyde
- 10 Wayne Hall II
- 10 Jackson Cade Wiley
- 11 Mary Hooker
- 11 Stacey Polojac
- 12 Tyler Smith
- 13 Donald Greathouse
- 13 Samantha Seaburn

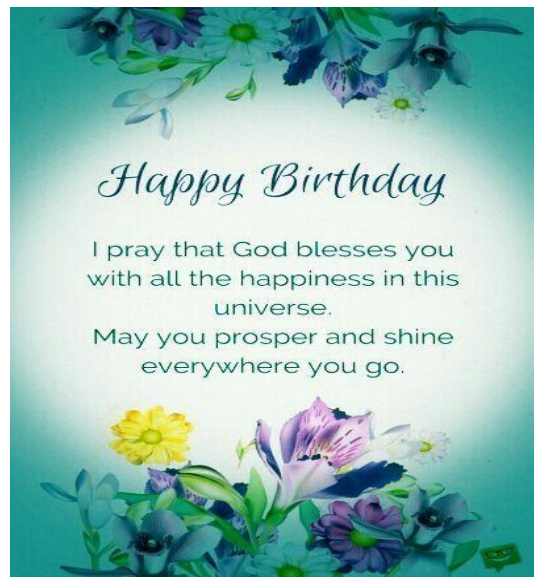


November BIRTHDAYS

- 15 Mindy Capello
- 15 Eric Oliver
- 16 Amanda Gardner
- 16 Rachel McMaster
- 21 Nicole Hall
- 21 Susan Miller
- 21 Joshua Reed
- 24 Michael Lance
- 24 Macheala Nail
- 25 Becky Kimpel
- 25 Thomas Mohr
- 26 Debbie Hall
- 26 Diane McMaster
- 27 Brianne Viccari
- 28 Lara Rectenwald
- 29 Miriah Mayle

November ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Crystal and Douglas Fallecker
- 4 Bob and Lori Ealy
- 6 Craig and Cindy Fox
- 14 Mark and Beth Aiken
- 14 Dave and Kathy Hinckley
- 19 Eric and Tyffanie Slevin
- 27 David and Julie Nocera



***Our records need updating....Please contact the church office via telephone or email with any birthday/anniversary updates. Thank you**

FUMCEC CALENDAR

November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Turkey Dinner Prep 8:00 am	2 Turkey Dinner 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm
3 All Saints Sunday 9:00 am-Choir 9:45 am-Sunday School 9:30 am-HUMC 11:00 am-FUMC Daylight Savings Time Ends	4 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm	5 Quilters 9:00 am-1:00 pm Election Day	6 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm-7:30 pm	7 Open Door Fellowship at HUMC-10:00 am AA Meeting at HUMC-1:00 pm String Instrument Prog. at HUMC 6:00 pm	8	9 Super Saturday Bible Study 10:00 am-12:00 pm
10 Organ and Tissue Donor Sunday Honoring our Veterans 9:00 am-Choir 9:45 am-Sunday School 9:30 am-HUMC 11:00 am-FUMC	11 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Veterans Day	12 Quilters 9:00 am-1:00 pm	13 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm-7:30 pm	14 Open Door Fellowship at HUMC-10:00 am AA Meeting at HUMC-1:00 pm	15 Boy Scout Movie Night in Fellowship Hall 4:00-10:00 pm	16 UMW Meeting 9:30 am
17 Yellow Ribbon Girls Collection 9:00 am-Choir 9:45 am-Sunday School 9:30 am-HUMC 11:00 am-FUMC	18 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm	19 Quilters 9:00 am-1:00 pm	20 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm-7:30 pm	21 Open Door Fellowship at HUMC-10:00 am AA Meeting at HUMC-1:00 pm String Instrument Program at HUMC-6:00 pm	22	23
24 Cookie Fellowship and Hanging the Greens 9:00 am-Choir Practice 9:45 am-Sunday School 9:30 am-HUMC 11:00 am-FUMC UM Student Sunday	25 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm	26 Quilters 9:00 am-1:00 pm	27 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm-7:30 pm	28 Thanksgiving Day Church office Closed	29	30

FUMCEC CALENDAR

December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1st Sunday in Advent 9:00 am-Choir 9:45 am-Sunday School 9:30 am-HUMC 11:00 am-FUMC Civic Chorale Concert 6:00 pm	2 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm	3 Quilters Christmas Party 9:00 am-1:00 pm	4 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm-7:30 pm	5 Open Door Fellowship at HUMC-10:00 am AA Meeting at HUMC-1:00 pm String Instrument Prog. at HUMC 6:00 pm	6	7
8 2nd Sunday in Advent 9:00 am-Choir 9:45 am-Sunday School 9:30 am-HUMC 11:00 am-FUMC Christmas Caroling 6:00 pm	9 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm	10 Quilters 9:00 am-1:00 pm	11 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm-7:30 pm	12 Open Door Fellowship at HUMC-10:00 am AA Meeting at HUMC-1:00 pm	13	14 Super Saturday Bible Study 10:00 am-12:00 pm
15 3rd Sunday in Advent 9:00 am-Choir 9:45 am-Sunday School 9:30 am-HUMC 11:00 am-FUMC Children's Christmas Program 6:00 pm	16 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm	17 Quilters 9:00 am-1:00 pm	18 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm-7:30 pm	19 Open Door Fellowship at HUMC-10:00 am AA Meeting at HUMC-1:00 pm String Instrument Program at HUMC-6:00 pm	20	21 UMW Meeting 9:30 am
22 4th Sunday in Advent 9:00 am-Choir 9:45 am-Sunday School 9:30 am-HUMC 11:00 am-FUMC	23 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm	24 Christmas Eve Worship at HUMC 6:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship at FUMC 11:00 pm	25 Community Christmas Dinner 11:00am-1:00 pm Christmas Day	26 Open Door Fellowship at HUMC-10:00 am AA Meeting at HUMC-1:00 pm	27	28
29 Youth and Young Adult Sunday 9:00 am-Choir Practice 9:45 am-Sunday School 9:30 am-HUMC 11:00 am-FUMC	30 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm	31 New Year's Eve				

COMMUNITY NEWS

40th Annual

JOIN US AT THE
Boar's Head Festival!
At Christ Presbyterian Church
in Ellwood City PA (724)-758-4563



TICKETS ARE FREE

Just fill in the Ticket Request form below!

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone Number: _____

Performance Schedule
Please check the day

- Sat., Nov. 30 @ 7 pm
- Sat., Dec. 7 @ 5 pm
- Sat., Dec. 7 @ 7 pm
- Sun., Dec. 8 @ 3 pm
- Sun., Dec. 8 @ 5 pm

Number of tickets requested:

Mail this form along with a self addressed stamped envelope to:
Christ Presbyterian Church, 325 Spring Avenue, Ellwood City, PA 16117

Chamber

Tickets will be mailed back to you.

Holy Redeemer Christian Mothers'

Nut Roll Sale

\$12.00 each

Pre-order by calling:

Debbie at 724-752-6687

From November 11 to November 15

Pick Up in Catholic Center

Tuesday, November 19

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Once in a Lifetime Indoor Yard Sale

Holy Redeemer Catholic Center

311 Lawrence Ave.

Ellwood City, PA 16117

Saturday, November 9, 2019

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Student Desks, Chairs, Cabinets, Tables,
TV's, Monitors, Projectors, Kitchens Items,
Books, Holiday Items, Plus Many More
Items!

Cash and Carry

For More Information, call 724-758-4411 Ext. 110

COMMUNITY NEWS



SALVATION ARMY RED KETTLE DRIVE

**Ring the Bell
Receive donations for Ellwood City*
Bless your neighbors
Two hour shifts**

LOCATION

**Giant Eagle 289 PA-288, Ellwood City
Loccisano's 234 Pittsburgh Cir, Ellwood City**

VOLUNTEER

**Visit www.bellmemorialpc.org/army
Click "Kettle Volunteer"
Find Your Church's weekend
Click "Sign up"
(or call 724-691-8012)**

*85% of collection directly impacts neighbors in Ellwood City (all 16117), Wampum, Fombell, Enon Valley, and West Pittsburgh.
Blessing our neighbors for the welfare of all (Jeremiah 29:7)

GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays

**November 3, 2019
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
Calvin Presbyterian Church
615 Crescent Ave., Ellwood City, PA 16117**

This seminar features practical suggestions and encouragement to anyone who is experiencing the holidays after their loved one's death.

Please contact Calvin Presbyterian Church with any questions or to make a reservation at 724-758-4258, email calvinellwood@gmail.com or www.griefshare.org/holidays/events/31006

COMMUNITY NEWS

Women of Faith International will be hosting their 2nd Annual Free Christmas Dinner

December 25, 2019

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

First United Methodist Church

416 Crescent Ave.

Ellwood City, PA 16117

If you are interested in volunteering, donating finances, or donating new giveaway items, please contact Rev. Norina Owens at 724-714-3308



Two Weeks of Just Cookies! Fill A Box For One Price! Ala Carte items include: Lady Locks, Peanut Butter Balls, Pizzelles and more...

For the latest information, please check our Facebook event page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/397008224363728/>

**Katy's – Homestyle Bakery & More
429 Lawrence Avenue
Ellwood City, PA 16117
Talk/Text: 724-752-9047**



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Worship time 11:00 a.m. year-round.

Prayer Chapel is available to everyone before worship.

Church Office Hours: Monday & Tuesday 8:30 am-12:00 pm and Wednesday & Thursday 8:30 am – 2:00 pm
CLOSED Friday

How to Reach Us...

Rev. Angelique Bradford, Senior Pastor Email: pastor@firstumcec.org
Jennifer Agnew, Church Administrator Email: secretary@firstumcec.org
Office Phone: 724-758-6278 Pastor's Cell Phone: 412-722-2806
Church Website: <http://firstumcec.org/>

Please feel welcome to call Pastor Angelique to schedule a pastoral care appointment if that is helpful to you

The Mission of the United Methodist Church

“The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”
Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors. The people of the United Methodist Church

The First United Methodist Church is a community of believers under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. It is a redemptive fellowship in which the Word of God is preached sacraments are administered, and the Gospel is taught and proclaimed.